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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group II (claims 5, 16-37, 39 and 44-45) in response to the restriction requirement. In view of this election, the election of species is operative, and Applicants elect invention IIa (claims 30, 39, 44 and 45) in response to the election of species requirement, with claims 3, 5, 16-29, 37 and 42 also being examined with the elected species. As noted in the Office Action, generic and linking claims also are present.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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